

REMARKS

Applicant files this continuation application based on co-pending patent application Serial No. 10/032,712, filed October 24, 2001 (the “parent application”), and respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment before beginning examination of the continuation application, and early favorable action by the Examiner.

Applicant amends the specification to revise the “CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS” section inserting the proper claim for priority and serial number of the parent application. Additionally, Applicant provides a set of formal drawings to replace the set of informal drawings. Applicant submits that no new matter is introduced by these amendments.

Further, Applicant hereby cancels claims 1-9, without prejudice and without any intention of abandoning the subject matter thereof, and adds new claims 10-26. Support for new claims 10-26 can be found throughout the specification, at least on page 7, line 20 to page 8, line 13, and in claims 1-9 as originally filed. Accordingly, no new matter has been added. Applicant submits that claims 10-26 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request entry as such.

Applicant also encloses formal drawings for the Official Draftperson’s review to replace the informal drawings submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee occasioned by this paper to the Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

If it is believed that a telephone conversation with Applicant’s attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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